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WESTERN VETO OF PROPOSED ECONOMIC AND ARMS EMBARGO OF SOUTH
AFRICA, PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR
RHODESIA

NOVEMBER 2 EDITION FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY CAMEROON TRIBUNE
EXPLAINED
U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SOURCES SAY THIS WITHDRAWAL WAS DECIDED ON UNDER PRESSURE
FROM THE UNIONS WHICH, LIKE THE GOVERNMENT, DO NOT SEE THE
UTILITY OF MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ORGANIZATION DOMINATED
BY A MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES
WHICH NOT ONLY DO NOT HONOR THE
TRIPARTITE REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT-EMPLOYERS-WORKERS,
BUT HAVE POLITICIZED THE ILO AS WELL.

QUOTE IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS WITHDRAWN
FROM AN ORGANIZATION DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED NATIONS. IT
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THREATENED TO LEAVE UNESCO IN 1975 AFTER ISRAEL WAS QUARANTINED
BY WHAT THE WEST CALLS THE QUOTE AUTOMATIC MAJORITY UNQUOTE.
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AFTER SKETCHING THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO ILO BY
U.S. WITHDRAWAL, LAST PARAGRAPH OF STORY ADDS:

QUOTE ONE CAN WONDER WHETHER THE QUOTE HUMANITARIAN UNQUOTE
AND MORALISTIC ARGUMENTS OF THE AMERICANS REALLY EXPLAIN THEIR
WITHDRAWAL. FOR, WEREN'T THEY ALREADY TALKING IN 1973 OF
REDUCING BY 25 PERCENT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO..THE U.N.
AT THAT TIME,
THEY EXPLAINED AT BY CITING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS
AND THE INSUFFICIENT SHARES
OF THE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

IN REPORT ON WESTERN SPLIT OVER MANDATORY ARMS BAN TO SOUTH
AFRICA, NOVEMBER 2 EDITION ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEEKLY CAMEROON
TRIBUNE CREDITED U.S. FOR WILLINGNESS TO GO FARTHER THAN WESTERN
ALLIES, AND FOR ITS VOLUNTARY ARMS BOYCOTT:

QUOTE...DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE U.S. WERE PREPARED TO GO
FARTHER THAN THE OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS IN SUPPORTING THE BLACK
AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS...RELIABLE SOURCES SAID THAT THE UNITED
STATES HAD PREPARED A WORKING PAPER OF PROPOSALS FOR A MANDATORY
BAN BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA
BY ANY U.S. MEMBERS.

QUOTE HOWEVER,...ANDREW YOUNG TOLD REPORTERS THAT IT WAS
SPECULATION TO CONCLUDE THAT THE U.S. ULTIMATELY WOULD VOTE
FOR A MANDATORY ARMS BAN.

QUOTE THE U.S. AND BRITAIN HAVE ENFORCED A VOLUNTARY ARMS
BOYCOTT FOR SOME TIME, BUT SOUTH AFRICA HAS OBTAINED WEAPONS FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES NOTABLY FRANCE.
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QUOTE THE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THE PRINCIPLE BRITISH CONCERN,
SHARED BY FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY, WAS NOT SO MUCH OVER A
MANDATORY BAN BUT THE WIDER IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A MOVE...UNQUOTE.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON RHODESIA NEGOTIATIONS IN SAME PAPER
SAID OWEN-YOUNG EFFORT QUOTE APPEAR(S) STILL TO BE ON COURSE
UNQUOTE . REPORT NOTES IMPORTANT NIGERIAN ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS
AND NEW, CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF NIGERIA WITH U.S., WHICH IT CALLS
QUOTE ONE OF THE FRUITS OF YOUNG'S PERSONAL DIPLOMACY IN AFRICA
UNQUOTE.

REPORT ADDS.

QUOTE THE OWEN-YOUNG INITIATIVE HAS HAD AN ENORMOUS ADVANTAGE
OVER ITS PREDECESSORS BECAUSE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS FEEL FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS THAT THEY CAN HAVE SOME FAITH IN THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S GOODWILL. IN THE SPACE OF A FEW
MONTHS CARTER HAS ERASED A GREAT DEAL OF THE SUSPICION

ABOUT AMERICAN MOTIVES THAT WAS ALWAYS THERE IN THE NIXON-FORD-
KISSINGER DAYS AND DURING THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS....
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